1518

Year **1518** (**MDXVIII**) was a common year starting on Friday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	15th century · **16th century** · 17th century
Decades:	1490s · 1500s · **1510s** · 1520s · 1530s
Years:	1515 · 1516 · 1517 · **1518** · 1519 · 1520 · 1521

Exceptions

France

In France, year 1518 lasted from 4 April 1518 to 23 April 1519. Since Constantine (around year 325) and until the year 1565, the year was reckoned as beginning at Easter. For instance, the will of Leonardo da Vinci, drafted in Amboise on 23 April 1519, shows the legend "Given on the 23rd of April of 1518, before Easter".[1]

- See Wikisource "1911 Encyclopædia Britannica/Easter"

Events

January–June

- April 18 – The widowed Sigismund I the Old, King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania, marries Milanese noblewoman Bona Sforza in Wawel Cathedral and she is crowned as Queen consort of Poland.
- May 26 – A transit of Venus occurs.

July–December

- July – Dancing plague of 1518: A case of dancing mania breaks out in Strasbourg, in which many people die from constant dancing.
- August – Construction of the Manchester Grammar School is completed in England.
- October 3 – The Treaty of London temporarily ensures peace in Western Europe.

Date unknown

- The Rajput Mewar Kingdom under Rana Sanga achieves a major victory over Sultan Ibrahim Lodi of Delhi.
- A swarm of tropical fire ants devastates crops on Hispaniola.
- Erasmus publishes his *Colloquies*.

1518 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1518 *MDXVIII*
Ab urbe condita	2271
Armenian calendar	967 ԹՎ ՋԿԷ
Assyrian calendar	6268
Balinese saka calendar	1439–1440
Bengali calendar	925
Berber calendar	2468
English Regnal year	9 Hen. 8 – 10 Hen. 8
Buddhist calendar	2062
Burmese calendar	880
Byzantine calendar	7026–7027
Chinese calendar	丁丑年 (Fire Ox) 4214 or 4154 *— to —* 戊寅年 (Earth Tiger) 4215 or 4155
Coptic calendar	1234–1235
Discordian calendar	2684

- Henricus Grammateus publishes *Ayn neu Kunstlich Buech* in Vienna, containing the earliest printed use of plus and minus signs for arithmetic.[2]
- The African slave trade begins.

Births

- February 2
  - Johann Hommel, German astronomer and mathematician (d. 1562)
  - Godfried van Mierlo, Dutch Dominican friar and bishop (d. 1587)
- February 7 – Johann Funck, German theologian (d. 1566)
- February 13 – Antonín Brus z Mohelnice, Moravian Catholic archbishop (d. 1580)
- February 20 – Georg, Count Palatine of Simmern-Sponheim, (d. 1569)
- February 21 – John of Denmark, Danish prince (d. 1532)
- February 28 – Francis III, Duke of Brittany, Duke of Brittany (d. 1536)
- March 8 – Sidonie of Saxony, Duchess of Brunswick-Calenberg (d. 1575)
- April 22 – Antoine de Bourbon, father of Henry IV of France (d. 1610)
- July 3 – Li Shizhen, Chinese physician, pharmacologist and mineralogist (d. 1593)
- August 8 – Conrad Lycosthenes, Alsatian humanist and encyclopedist (d. 1561)
- October 26 – John Basset, Devonshire gentleman (d. 1541)
- November 26 – Guido Ascanio Sforza di Santa Fiora, Italian Catholic cardinal (d. 1564)
- December 13 – Clara of Saxe-Lauenburg, Princess of Saxe-Lauenburg and Duchess of Brunswick-Gifhorn by marriage (d. 1576)
- December 17 – Ernest III, Duke of Brunswick-Grubenhagen (d. 1567)
- December 19 – Enrique de Borja y Aragón, Spanish noble of the House of Borgia (d. 1540)
- *date unknown*
  - James Halyburton, Scottish reformer (d. 1589)
  - Hubert Languet, French diplomat and reformer (d. 1581)
  - Connor MacLeod, Scottish Highlander & Immortal (d. 2000)
  - Edmund Plowden, English legal scholar (d. 1585)
  - Tintoretto, Italian painter (d. 1594)

Ethiopian calendar	1510–1511
Hebrew calendar	5278–5279
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1574–1575
- *Shaka Samvat*	1439–1440
- *Kali Yuga*	4618–4619
Holocene calendar	11518
Igbo calendar	518–519
Iranian calendar	896–897
Islamic calendar	923–924
Japanese calendar	Eishō 15 (永正１５年)
Javanese calendar	1435–1436
Julian calendar	1518 *MDXVIII*
Korean calendar	3851
Minguo calendar	394 before ROC 民前394年
Nanakshahi calendar	50
Thai solar calendar	2060–2061
Tibetan calendar	阴火牛年 (female Fire-Ox) 1644 or 1263 or 491 *— to —* 阳土虎年 (male Earth-Tiger) 1645 or 1264 or 492

Tropical ants devastate crops on Hispaniola.

- *possible* – Catherine Howard, fifth queen consort of Henry VIII of England (b. between 1518 and 1524; d. 1542)

Sidonie of Saxony

Deaths

- February 9 – Jean IV de Rieux, Breton noble and Marshal (b. 1447)
- May 31 – Elisabeth of Brandenburg-Ansbach-Kulmbach, German margravine (b. 1494)
- July 10 – Sibylle of Baden, Countess consort of Hanau-Lichtenberg (b. 1485)
- August 16 – Loyset Compère, French composer (b. c. 1445)
- August 27 – Joan of Naples, queen consort of Naples (b. 1478)
- November 20
  - Marmaduke Constable, English soldier (b. c. 1455)
  - Pierre de La Rue, Flemish composer (b. c. 1452)
- November 24 – Vannozza dei Cattanei, mistress of Pope Alexander VI (b. 1442)
- December 5 – Gian Giacomo Trivulzio, Italian military commander (b. c. 1440)
- December 27 – Mahmood Shah Bahmani II, sultan of the Bahmani Sultanate (b. c. 1470)
- *date unknown*
  - Moxammat Amin of Kazan, khan of Kazan (b. c. 1469)
  - Kabir, Indian mystic (b. 1440)
  - Aruj, Ottoman corsair, brother of Hayreddin Barbarossa
  - Muhammad ibn Azhar ad-Din, sultan of Adal (assassinated) (b. c. 1473)

Clara of Saxe-Lauenburg

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